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Truman Stresses Internal Counterintelligence Work

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A banquet highlighted by a message from President Truman, a talk on the work and operations of the Central Intelligence Agency and the announcement of new officers concluded the formal schedule of the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association yesterday.

Stephen J. Spingarm, a member of the Federal Trade Commission and former administrative assistant to the president, read Mr. Truman's message to the group in the ballroom of Hotel Hollenden.

The president extended his best wishes to the convention and commended the corps for its work in World War II.

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"I believe that professionals in the field of counter intelligence can perform another valuable public service by throwing the light of reason and experience on an area — the field of internal

security—in which all too often unreason and emotion prevail," the president's message said.

"There are none who know better than you that this delicate work requires the use of the surgeon's scalpel rather than the butcher's cleaver. There are none who know better than you that those individuals—however sincere they be—who seek to turn counter intelligence into a three-ring circus involving trial by headlines and by denunciations are hurting American security, not helping it."

Pearl Harbor was described as this country's "greatest disaster" from the intelligence services point of view by Lyman E. Kirkpatrick, assistant executive officer of the CIA, speaking for its director, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith.

Not until the end of World War II did the Counter Intelligence Agency come into being to coordinate the intelligence services,

weed out facts from fancy and evaluate the whole, Kirkpatrick said.

The entire project is aimed at setting the United States on the right track in its dealings with the rest of the world, Kirkpatrick explained.

New officers for the year, named by the association's board of governors, are James L. Broz, jr., assistant city purchasing agent here, president; George W. Morris, technical adviser to the Bureau of Internal Revenue here, treasurer; Harry Ribback of Chicago and Victor De Guinzburg of Brooklyn, N. Y., vice-presidents, and Walter McWilliams of Pittsburgh, secretary.

Cleveland Re-Elected

Arthur F. Stitt of Cleveland, an investigator for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad police department, was re-elected chairman of the board of governors. Re-elected to the board were Stephen Jurco, Chicago; Robert Rooney, Chicago;

N. C. I. C. A. BANQUET. Members and guests of the National Counter Intelligence Corps banqueted at Hotel Hollenden in the final round of the convention yesterday. Seated, left to right, are Maj. Gen. John K. Rice, James L. Broz, jr., new president of the organization, and Brig. Gen. Philip E. Gallagher. Standing in the rear is Arthur F. Stitt, re-elected chairman of the board of governors.

Gerald Stanley, Columbus, and Jack E. Staley, San Francisco.

Among the other speakers were Maj. Gen. John K. Rice, former chief of counter intelligence, who will be given an European assignment; his successor, Brig. Gen. Philip Gallagher, former superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and Ray J. Abbaticchio, agent in charge of the FBI in this district.

A dance in the hotel ballroom in the evening completed the convention's activities.